

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 9-21 with the following paragraph including markings to show changes made:

Deflection elements 24, 25 in the form of eyelets are provided on end-side annular segments 3, 6, viewed in the direction of longitudinal axis L of the stent. These eyelets are articulated in a one-piece manner on the inner side of annular segments 3, 6 in transitional area 11'. A thread 26 surrounding support frame 2 on its outside is deflected via deflection elements 23, 24 into the interior of support frame 2 where the ~~yarn~~ thread ends 27 are firmly connected to each other by a connector 28 consisting of a material visible in x-rays. In order to remove stent 1 the thread ends 27 can be grasped on the connector. The thread 26 is constricted by pulling, during which the looped-around annular segment 3 or 6 is radially drawn together. Stent 1 can subsequently be removed from the body canal, during which, as stated, rounded and widened-out head ends 18 assure a gentle removal of stent 1.